

**MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
HELD ON 05/16/17 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,  
RHINELANDER, WI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, PANOSH/DOT/BOTS PROGRAM MGR,  
COOPER/SECRETARY, STEFONEK/COORDINATOR, BRUGMAN/WISDOT,  
GAUTHIER/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, HOOK/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, JENSEN/COUNTY  
BOARD, McELDOWNEY/LEGAL**

**The following matters were taken up to wit:**

1. Kirby called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** McEldowney/Cooper to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Gauthier/Kirby to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Eight ayes. McEldowney abstained.
4. Discussed Oneida County crash history and data. One fatality in Oneida County to date for 2017. A head on crash occurred this past Saturday on STH 17 near Cross Country but no serious injuries occurred.
5. Discussed reflective vest, bracelets, and bike lights. Kirby and Cooper attended the Recreation Rodeo for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders that was put on by the collaborated efforts of the Rhinelander Partners in Education, Oneida County Health Department, Nicolet College, and the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council. The children received various safety tips, free bike helmets, and were able to choose between our slap bracelets, safety vests, or mike lights. Cooper and Kirby will keep an eye out for community events to hand out additional items. May contact Up-North @ 4.
6. 2017 budget items discussed. Will look into purchasing the same items again this year.
7. Highway Safety Reports:
  - 2017 Statewide fatalities are down from this time last year, but still higher than the five-year average
  - May 22 – June 4<sup>th</sup> National mobilization of “Click It or Tick It”
  - Wisconsin seat belt usage is at 88%; national average is 90%
8. Construction update: Brugman, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, said they are continuing a carry-over project from last year – USH 51 from Rocky Run to Hazelhurst. Stefonek reported the Highway 8 ramp was milled on Monday; waiting for it to dry up to pave. Replacing culverts on Hwy A but motorists are not slowing down. He asked the Sheriff's Department for extra patrol. Highway Department will be milling and filling the large cracks on the Highway 8 West four-lane. Crack sealing will be done on the recent pavement replacement on Highway 8 West into Lincoln County.
9. Public comments
  - Jensen attended ‘Just Fix It’ meeting recently and reported that it doesn't look like the counties or towns are going to be receiving any additional money for maintaining roads anytime soon.
10. Future meetings scheduled for: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
11. **Motion:** Jensen/McEldowney to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Vice-Chairperson